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Attention: Commissioner for Patents

Please find attached Re:

Inventor: Armando Montalvo

Serial No.: 09/688,609

Filed: October 13, 2000

For: SYSTEM FOR SECURE COMMUNICATIONS

- > Amendment Transmittal
- > Response to PTO Office Action of 4/22/2004

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PATENT
Docket No. PD-990304
CUSTOMER NO.: 020991

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Armando Montalvo
Serial No. 09/688,609
Filed: October 13, 2000
For: SYSTEM FOR SECURE COMMUNICATIONS

Date: July 19, 2004
Group Art Unit: 2131
Examiner: Arezoo Sherkat

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

____ Applicant petitions for an extension of time for _____ months(s) to respond to the Office Action dated _____. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

____ An extension for _____ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. _____
Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

X Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated April 22, 2004. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.


X No additional fee for claims is required.

____ The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE			
TOTAL CLAIMS	10	minus	20*	=	0	x	\$ 18.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2	minus	3**	=	0	x	\$ 86.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					0	+	\$ 290.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:							\$ 00.00

Charge \$ 00.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of Hughes Electronics Corporation, El Segundo, California. Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. If any additional extension fee is required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 50-0383.

Respectfully submitted,


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** If less than 3, insert 3